

PROCLAMATION

**A PROCLAMATION recognizing October 11, 2012,
as DAY OF THE GIRL in the City of Seattle.**

WHEREAS, equality and universal access to education for every girl and boy are among the United Nations' Millennium Development Goals supported by 189 countries including the United States; and

WHEREAS, the United Nations established October 11 as the annual International Day of the Girl Child supported and co-sponsored by the United States and 97 other countries; and

WHEREAS, the "Day of the Girl" campaign calls on communities across the globe to recognize that girls worldwide face many injustices such as discrimination, gender stereotypes, child marriage and lack of education; and empowers girls to fight for their rights; and

WHEREAS, three current Seattle City Councilmembers were at one time girls and believe in the power of girls to, in the words of the project website, shatter stereotypes, end injustices, demand equality, and change the world; and

WHEREAS, the City of Seattle joins Lake Washington Girls Middle School, the Seattle Girls School chapter of Richard's Rwanda-IMPUHWE, and other organizations, and supports increasing girls' participation in sports, science and math-related activities, high school graduation rate, and providing equal opportunities for all girls by speaking out against gender-based injustices, celebrating all girls' potential, and encouraging all girls to pursue their dreams;

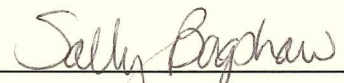
Now, therefore, be it proclaimed by the Seattle City Council that


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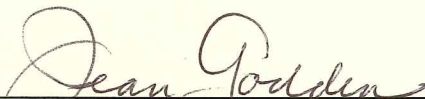
in the City of Seattle.


Council President Sally J. Clark

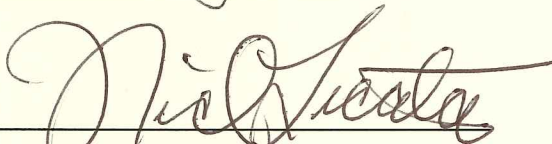

Councilmember Sally Bagshaw


Councilmember Tim Burgess



Councilmember Richard Conlin


Councilmember Jean Godden


Councilmember Bruce A. Harrell


Councilmember Nick Licata


Councilmember Mike O'Brien


Councilmember Tom Rasmussen